

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the following new paragraph between lines 4 and 5 with the following new paragraph:

**-- REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/422,532 filed on April 24, 2003, now pending, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/376,458 filed on April 30, 2002. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/123,454 filed on April 15, 2002, now allowed, and incorporates the same by reference. --

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure and insert the following therefor:

-- A security fastener for securing luggage having a body, a first end and a second end with an opening such that once the first end is received in the opening the first end cannot be removed without destruction of the security fastener. Additional security features including security or identification information can be incorporated with the security fastener. Also, a method of securing luggage having a zipper including securing the zipper in a closed configuration with a fastener that cannot be removed without destruction of the fastener. --